

## THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARKET RASEN

Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitation  
of Market Raseen Urban District for the year 1943.

To The Chairman and Members of the Market Raseen Urban District  
Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report upon the health and sanitation of  
the District throughout 1943 as follows :-

The health of the Urban District throughout the year 1943 has  
been reasonably good. There were no serious epidemics.

Little has, as yet, been done to forward the conversion of the  
numerous privies and pail closets to the water carriage system. Many  
houses are in need of minor repairs, are leaky and insanitary, only the  
difficulty of finding alternative accommodation has prevented the  
taking of more drastic steps against the owners of certain properties.  
An extensive measure of rehousing will be required when building again  
becomes possible.

It is certain that the sewerage system requires a complete  
overhaul. A great quantity of excess water has daily to be pumped  
from the disposal works at Middle Raseen.

It will be noted that there were three deaths from cancer, but  
none from measles, whooping cough or diarrhoea. Three male infants  
under one year of age died. There were 38 live births of which  
three were illegitimate.

Immunisation against diphtheria At the end of 1943 it was estimated  
that 40% of under 5 year olds and 42.7% of the 5 to 15 year olds were  
immunised.

Area of District.

Land	972 acres.	
Water	4 acres.	
Population	2091	
Habitable houses	695	
Rateable value	10,406	
Number of live births	20 Male	18 Female.
Illegitimate births	3 "	
Total deaths	18 "	19 "
Deaths from all puerperal causes	Nil.	
Three legitimate infants under one year of age died - due prematurity.		
Still births.	Nil.	

Notifiable DiseasesCases notified

Tubercular Meningitis	1
Tubercular glands	2
Pulmonary tuberculosis	5
Erysipelas	3
Measles	7
Scarlet Fever	2
Pneumonia	1

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Civilians only.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory system.			1
Other forms of Tuberculosis.		1	1
Influenza.		3	2
Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.			2
Cancer of all other sites.		1	
Inter-cranial Vascular Lesions.			3
Heart Disease.		3	5
Bronchitis.			3
Pneumonia.			1
Other Digestive Diseases.		1	
Premature Birth.		3	
Other Violent Causes.		1	
All other causes.		5	1

I have the honour to be, Gentlemon,  
Yours faithfully,

R.J.R. MECREDY, B.A. B.ch. B.A.O. D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Report of Work done by Sanitary Inspector for the year 1943.

To The Chairman, Members and Medical Officer of the Market Rasen Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my annual report of work in the District for the year 1943.

I am glad to be able to report reasonable progress in the Public Health sphere. In several directions good results have been achieved during the year, though there remains much work requiring attention, particularly with the low working class housing standard, closet conversions to water-carriage, old drainage and betterment of general sanitary circumstances.

The premises of cow-keepers have received regular inspection. There are still some shippens in poor structural condition, at which it has not been possible to secure the necessary improvements due to War conditions, these have not escaped attention and improved cleanliness has shown marked progress.

Troubles have been experienced during the year with the District's Refuse removal and disposal service due mainly to the shortage of labour. At the end of the year circumstances were better and a new tipping ground has been brought into use and improvements made in tipping methods of disposal and earth covering consolidation. Available tipping ground in the district is by no means plentiful and this is a matter to which I feel the Council should pay particular attention in the forthcoming year.

Inspections made during the year include :

Public Health Inspections.	168
do. Re-inspections.	224
Overcrowding inspections.	5

Visits made during the year.

Housing maintenance repairs.	18
Infectious disease.	27
Rooms disinfected.	13
Dirty houses.	6
Verminous premises.	4
Rooms disinfested.	2
Articles destroyed for Vermin and Infectious Disease.	9
Refuse Collections.	45
Refuse Bins.	14
Factories.	7
Drainage.	49
do. (testing)	11
Shops and Food.	12
Fried Fish Shops.	3
Meat shops.	5
Bakchouses.	5
Cowsheds and Dairies.	22
Closets and Conveniences.	65
Rats and Mice.	8
Water Supply.	5
Water Sampling.	3
Various necessary matters not included above	40
	373.

Inspection of Food. Three pigs and one sheep were slaughtered locally during the year all of which were fit for human consumption with the exception of one pig's liver affected with fatty infiltration.

Various other foods examined and condemned were wet fish, jam, marmalade, tinned meats, milk, vegetables and fish, biscuits etc. Total weight of such food throughout the year was 185½ lbs. The majority of which was sent to Salvage Recovery.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

JOHN POTTS.

Sanitary Inspector.  
3, Mill Street, Market Rason.